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Federal Communications Commission
Kevin Martin, Chairman
445 12 St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Chairman Martin,

The Spectrum Coalition for Public Safety wants to update you with the latest *Regional and National Concept of Interoperability* presentation which has evolved from an ongoing series of conversations between our national Coalition and public and private sector organizations.

It is critically important, as the Commission weighs options for the future of public safety communications in the 700 MHz band, that these issues are examined, addressed and protected in the pending Report and Order. **State and Local governments will respond favorably to a partnership option where they have a choice to build their own interoperable networks to a national standard or leverage services from a national network.** Without this choice many municipalities will likely choose non-interoperable less expensive alternatives like Wi-Fi, or other commercial non-standard services which would perpetuate the "balkanization" that hobbles public safety communications today. Please reference the attached slides which provide recommendations for how this can be accomplished.

We look forward to answering questions and meeting with you on this material prior to your final decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert LeGrande II".

Robert LeGrande II
Chairman
Spectrum Coalition for Public Safety

cc: SC Membership

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